

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT, SEP 7 2022

1. John Ongley was elected Chair of Campus Life and Facilities for AY 2022-2023.

2. Robin Auchincloss, for Facilities, gave the following report:

Projects Under Construction

- a. Nursing Education, Research, and Practice Center – on schedule for “substantial completion” April of 2023 – to be followed by delivery and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment to prepare for building opening for college use.
- b. Fuel Oil Tank Replacement – this is the project that restored the plaza, added entrance ramp at south side of Music Building (with power assist door opener). Project is in final stage of city departmental approvals.
- c. Department of Social Work Expansion Davis Hall – Project has had construction delays due to permitting. Next phases will be removals at basement and first floor.
- d. Davis 335-337 Classrooms – upgrade to meet current requirements for classrooms with over 75 occupants. Project in closeout phase.

3. Concerns over cafeterias being open, providing quality food, and becoming student hangouts again was expressed by the entire committee, as being impediments to bringing students back to campus.

- a. The main cafeteria in the music building is still not open.
- b. The Harmony Café has limited hours and has limited offerings, being pizza, sandwiches, and grilled food. No salads apparently.
- c. Carman Hall Cafeteria is not only open at limited times with similar limited offerings, with the posted menu items seeming to be just coffee. Furthermore, IT has taken over more than half of the cafeteria space to create stations where students can plug in their computers. These stations seem to be used very little. In general, Carman cafeteria used to be a fairly lively student hangout, even at night, but now seems comparatively abandoned.
- d. As Maurice Vann pointed out at the meeting, if we want to bring the student back to campus, we need to get these cafeterias up and running again.
- e. Other factors making it difficult for students to return to campus were mentioned, including:
 - The fact that many offices are still closed/online has been making it difficult or impossible for students to get their administrative business taken care of.
 - The relatively closed campus makes it is difficult for people who are not students, or who were students and wish to resume their education here, to enroll or reenroll.

4. Doubt about the effectiveness of our current COVID protection plan, resting as it does almost entirely on vaccines, was also expressed.

The committee will be looking into these issues more carefully in the coming weeks, reporting on them, and urging action on the problems.

John Ongley